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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/801,401		Applicant(s) CLEMENTS, JEHAN	
	Examiner Nikolai A. Gishnock		Art Unit 3714	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Nikolai A. Gishnock.

(3) Blake Reese.

(2) Cameron Saadat.

(4) Jehan Clements.

Date of Interview: 24 April 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: Storytelling books Alfred the Ant" and "My Very Own Do It Yourself" kit.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 10 and 19.

Identification of prior art discussed: Tonkin (6134568), Clements (5713743), Clements (6210172).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

/Cameron Saadat/
Examiner, Art Unit 3714

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an
Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiner's Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant described the invention as a process of making children's books in a fashion that solves the problem of a storyteller having to read out of the corner of the eye, and reading out loud when a book is upside-down or has a vertical binding. Applicant demonstrated how, in his storybook workshop, storytellers complete forms describing the story elements, which are composed into a flip-over storybook during the course of the workshop. A further embodiment is a kit where the storyteller completes the forms and mails them to the Applicant, who composes the book and returns it. Applicant's Representative stated that he would submit a supplemental IDS of the demonstrated book. Applicant further described how the instant application dealt with completing the method with software, specifically because the computer is used to collate the pages, enlarge the clip art, and print the odd pages such that the user does not see the final image until it is printed. Applicant's representative proposed the following new claim: A system for producing a storytelling book, comprising:

- a software program in a computer having subroutines for
 - (a) accepting a first set of inputs from a user, the first set of inputs comprising title information and author information and one or more clip-art images;
 - (b) automatically generating a cover page for printing on a first leaf's front-side from the first set of inputs, wherein the cover page includes at least one of title information, author information, and one or more clip-art images;
 - (c) automatically generating a title page for printing on the first leaf's back-side and a second leaf's front-side, wherein the title page includes the title and author information and a copyright notice information;
 - (d) accepting a second set of inputs from the user, the second set of inputs comprising a one or more clip-art images and corresponding text;
 - (e) automatically generating a first story page from the one or more clip-art images from the second set of inputs for printing on the second leaf's back-side and automatically proportionally enlarging the plurality of images from the second set of inputs on the first story pages to a maximum size that does not overlap margins of the first story pages;
 - (f) automatically generating a second story page from the second set of inputs for printing on a third leaf's front-side including the one or more clip-art images and the corresponding text, wherein the one or more clip-art images and corresponding text appear oriented in diametric contraposition to the one or more images on the first story page;
 - (g) automatically generating a plurality of first indicia on the title, first, and second story pages for indicating how to assemble the second story pages in diametric contraposition to the first story pages; and
 - (h) allowing the user to print the cover page, the title page, and the first and second story pages, wherein the first and second story pages are printed for binding the second story pages in diametric contraposition to the first story pages.

Applicant's representative also proposed similar amendments to the kit and method claims. Examiners stated concern over automating a known manual process, and that the claims would have to overcome it. The Examiners agreed that the narrowed claim as proposed seemed to distinguish over the Tonkin reference. Examiners also stated that any program per se claims must recite being embodied in a computer-readable medium. Examiners additionally indicated that a new search would be required due to changes in scope of the proposed claims. No agreement was reached on patentability.